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MINUTES

Central Labor Council

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council of December 7, 1943, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of eight delegates from six locals. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to buy a ten dollar "Tuberculosis Bond."

It was moved, seconded and passed to endorse a resolution from the Retail Clerks asking for more leniency in considering substandard wages.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council endorse Miss Helen Wright, of San Francisco, for appointment to the State Personnel Board. This is on the recommendation of the Operating Engineers.

It was moved, seconded and passed that telegrams be sent to Congresswoman Outland and the California senators in favor of a continuation of food subsidies.

The Carpenters reported a routine meeting.

The Painters reported a quiet meeting.

The Barbers reported a good meeting with two new members initiated.

The Cannery Workers reported two large good meetings—as many present as the hall would hold. Three new members were initiated.

The Electricians reported a routine meeting.

The Bartenders reported a good meeting and three new members.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS

(Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employees No. 483)

DID YOU KNOW?
That the union holds its annual elections next Monday, December 27? Polls are at the Bartenders Hall, 701 Alvarado, and members may vote any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

That the union bought a \$10.00 tuberculosis health bond last meeting?

That Tony Barrera, a bartender, is going into the U. S. Navy service?

That Business Agent E. D. McCutcheon played bartender on the day of his birthday, December 13?

That Brother McCutcheon brought two wash tubs to the office the other day, leading to questions as to whether he was planning to compete with the laundries, or what?

That Secretary Pearl Bennett Robinson has been suffering from influenza and missed about 10 days' work?

That a letter and Christmas greetings were received by the union from Darrell J. McConnell, former bartender and now a first sergeant in our forces in India?

In Union Circles MONTEREY

This department wishes its many friends and readers the best holiday greetings.

Last week's meeting of the Building Trades Council in Monterey was mainly routine, and of interest to all who attended.

All carpenters in the Monterey area are busy and local jobs continue to absorb any who becomes idle, reports Dale Ward, business agent.

Henry Diaz, business agent of Plumbers 62, underwent an operation last week to remove an ulcer from his eye. He is recovering nicely but has one eye tightly taped up.

LABOR FIGHTS T. B.

Washington, D. C. To make available a free chest examination to industrial workers in Greater Cleveland, a cooperative program involving labor unions, industries and health department and Anti-Tuberculosis League officials, U. S. Public Health Service is providing miniature X-ray equipment and a technical staff.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

A very Merry Christmas to all from the Can Opener of the FCWU office.

Louis Martin, business agent of the fish cannery workers, was in San Francisco last week to attend a War Labor Board hearing on the new contract. Tex Skinner, S. U. P. secretary, assisted. Nothing much to report—we're waiting for the WLB decision.

Fishing has been resumed with much of the fleet still laid up due to the recent storm. Temporary repairs have allowed number of boats to return to sea, however.

The union's jurisdiction over watchmen has been settled finally. These men must join the union, cannot watch more than one plant, get \$162.50 for eight hours, and if watching on a part time basis and working in the plant part time, they must be paid at the highest rate for the highest ranking job.

This little "flu bug" that's going around biting people certainly has been active along Cannery Row. A number of key workers at the cannery have been laid up.

Public Relations Man J. Ely, who was with Cal Pak for years, now is associated with the Del Mar cannery. Huh!

A number of minor disputes, nothing serious but all of a troublesome nature, have kept the union's officers busy in past days.

Marian Parks, nurse at Hovden's, is up and around following her recent accident in which she incurred severe head cuts. Nurse Parks broke her leg in an accident some time ago.

That's all for now.—THE CAN OPENER

Labor Leaders In Lion's Den



AFL President William Green, President Frederick C. Crawford of the National Association of Manufacturers and CIO President Philip Murray (l. to r.) are pictured together at the 48th convention of the NAM in New York. But they did not agree on post-war aims. While Green and Murray called for full employment after the war, Crawford asked for "freedom from labor leaders." (Federated Pictures.)

SMITH SPEECH TYPICAL TORY BLATHER FROM POLL-TAX ILK

Washington, D. C. Taking up Sen. Josiah Bailey's (D., N.C.) threat that southern Democrats would quit the party and go where they are more welcome, Sen. Ellison D. "Cotton Ed" Smith (D., S.C.) treated the Senate to one of his folksy white supremacy, anti-Negro, anti-New Deal speeches.

The veteran polittaxer, whose 34 years of service make him the dean of the Senate, told offensive anti-Negro jokes, hurled insults at the President and called on the southern states to organize a new Democratic party as his answer to Sen. Joseph Guffey's (D., Pa.) charge that southern polittaxers had made an "unholy alliance" with Republicans to defeat the Lucas-Green soldiers vote bill.

Smith jeered at opponents of lynching and coined a new slogan: "The polecats are fighting the polittax."

"How many senators who have lived in the midst of an ungovernable, lustful crowd, and had their womenfolk outraged," he demanded, "would sit down and say 'Let the law take its course? Let the law take its course? Let the law take its course?'"

Wilson demanded that "industrial leaders of America withhold encouragement from dangerous men who preach disunity." Applause was polite.

NAM Diehards Given Earful by Chief of War Production Unit

New York City Only sour note in the sweet symphony of reaction at the opening session of the National Association of Manufacturers convention here came from Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson of the War Production Board. He told the nation's industrial leaders to stop selling the war effort down the river "for temporary gains."

Denouncing those interests that are "trying to position themselves for the post-war period long before the country is out of danger and long before our fighting men have any chance to position themselves," he said: "I am deeply alarmed over the possibility that a right wing reaction may draw some sections of capital so far away from our traditions as to imperil the entire structure of American life as we know it."

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STRIKE LEADS TO PROBE OF BAD ENGINES AT WRIGHT'S

Paterson, New Jersey Investigation of faulty engines allegedly turned out by plants of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in this area is expected to result from a 2-day strike of 15,000 employees.

Officials of Local 669, United Auto Workers (CIO), disclosed that wires had been sent to Chairman Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.) of the Senate committee investigating the national defense program, informing him that the company, a subsidiary of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, was turning out defective engines.

We have had visits from Lieut. Kenneth Allen, home on furlough from Utah. Gaylor Zanzow furloughing from Camp Maxey, Nance Crione home on sick leave from Avon Park, Florida, and Walter Schneickert from Marysville. They all look fine. Kenneth Allen is stationed at the General Hospital and tells us one of the boys returned from the war zone and drew a picture of a nurse with a big needle standing by a soldier and the soldier saying "Lay that needle down, willie, lay that needle down." What will the kids think of next.

At the time the committee reported, Curtiss-Wright had taken \$27 million to build an aircraft plant and had received another \$98 million for operating expenses and had not turned out a single plane "which the Navy considers usable as a combat plane."

Resentment over the quality of the product turned out by the plants and over the activities of certain supervisors were the principal cause of the 2-day walkout, union officials said.

Both Curtiss-Wright and its subsidiary have been accused of fraud by the Truman committee following investigations lasting several months.

The parent company managed to finance close to \$5 billion in war contracts, the committee disclosed.

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Washington, D. C. The commercial printing industry will operate in 1944 on 75 per cent of the print paper used in 1941, if recommendations of the War Production Board's commercial printing and lithographing industry advisory committee are accepted.

I'm going to live within my income this year even if I have to borrow money to do it.—MARK TWAIN.

A puncture is a small hole which appears about 10 miles from the nearest garage.—SUDSBURY STAR.

STILL NEED GALS

Kansas City, Missouri

More than 1,000,000 women will be needed in industry during 1944 to replace men taken into the armed services, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said here.

They're probably the guys who stole that black market steak the week before.

Former Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas (remember?), who carried two states as the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, predicts that the Republicans will win in 1944. Republicans have the worst luck!

New York City

The British Labor party, through its official labor press service, has expressed the hope that all the United Nations labor movements "however much they may differ in structure or in ideology" will accept the invitation of the British Trades Union Congress to the world labor conference in London next June, Allied Labor News reports.

HIT STEEL FORMULA

San Francisco, California

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has joined the fight to scrap the Little Steel formula with demands for 15c hourly wage increases.

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.—THOMAS A. EDISON.

Butchers 506 Send Another Letter to Men in Service

Following is the December "news letter" from Butchers 506 to members in the armed forces throughout the world. The union sends such a letter each month and the letters are reprinted here for information of members at home. Greetings from Local 506:

We had quite a surprise last month when we were preparing the cigarettes for you boys. We counted on 19 boys overseas and ordered cartons accordingly. Well, by the time we were ready to send the packages to the boys in the U.S.A. we found we had 31 boys overseas and tonight we were told another left in November, making 33 in all.

We were talking to the wife of Orval Sealby the other day. Orval has been in the South Pacific for about three months. One letter tells of cooking with gas and the next, of being in the jungle. They have a Hollywood Blvd. in Guadalcanal lined with tree ferns and coconut palms. Orval's fox hole is under a coconut palm. George Johnson is with him. They have beef for a while as George shot a "wild cow." George missed a Jap and shot a cow.

We received a swell letter from Earl Stout written on Thanksgiving Day. He says they had a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. He sends Christmas wishes to all. Thanks Earl, we like to hear from you.

Also a letter from William Martin, Anthony Ledesco, Tom Castro and Fred Medano.

Old California sure took a beating last Wednesday night and Thursday. A wind storm, at 65 miles per hour and 72 miles per hour on the Bay bridge. Damage was very high in Monterey and Santa Cruz. In San Jose, store windows were broken and trees fell on houses and old St. James Park looked as if a cyclone hit it.

We are holding elections in the various Locals. Salinas decided to keep things as they are, Kaspar acting as president and yours truly as secretary.

In Monterey, Floyd Harris ran for president, Bob Beach and Frank Brunni as secretaries. In Watsonville, the same officers. Also in Palo Alto and San Jose.

Our Butcherettes have received a wage increase from the War Labor Board for the first three months \$30.00, four and five months \$33.00, six and seven months \$36.00 and eight months or more \$39.00, retroactive as of June 1, 1943, and only to women who stayed on the job. Well, I hope they are happy.

We send Christmas Greetings to all of you boys wherever you are with a Wish for a Happy New Year, from your Brothers and Sisters in Local 506.

WPB Orders National Set-Up for Steaming Hot Lunches in Plants

Washington, D. C.

War workers will be assured steaming hot lunches—instead of the old-fashioned dinner pail—under a stepped-up program to provide adequate in-plant feeding facilities in war industries announced by WPB Chief Donald Nelson.

Nelson assigned specific responsibilities to the Office of Civilian Requirements and the Office of Labor Production to maintain the highest productive efficiency of war workers by making available sufficient supplies, facilities and services and, in cooperation with WFA and OPA, sufficient food for industrial feeding.

"Experience shows that better nutrition among industrial workers promotes productive efficiency, whereas inability to obtain enough good food in many cases has lowered productivity by causing excessive fatigue, absence from work and turnover," Nelson said.

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After heated protests from the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (both AFL) and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (CIO), the War Shipping Administration rescinded its order that sailors must take a physical examination in addition to the one they take with the Public Health Service.

Ostensible reason for the added examination was prevention of contagious disease. The unions claimed the real reason was the desire to eliminate oldtimers from the Merchant Marine. The unions themselves promise to work out a plan to control the spread of contagious illness.

Washington, D. C.

Delegates to the meeting of the Committee to abolish the Poll Tax heard this program of action suggested, and left the meeting to begin work at once:

1. Go to see their congressmen and get their specific pledges to adopt a soldier vote bill identical with the Green-Lucas bill.

2. Get their pledges to reject any compromise made by House conferees with proposals in the Eastland substitute returning to the States on the question of whether soldiers vote.

3. Convince senators to vote for a vote against a motion to table or postpone action on HR 7 once it was on the floor.

4. When it is decided what senator is to introduce HR 7 on the floor, every union represented at the conference should visit him to assure an ironclad promise not to withdraw the bill.

5. Then let the poll-taxers filibuster the on-the-floor-on-closure debate.

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RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

There is a simple directness about the manner in which the Russian courts of justice proceed in dealing with the much-talked-of war criminals, which commands our attention.

Last week trials started for three Germans, who were accused of executing helpless Russian children and equally helpless adult civilians, while one Russian was tried with them for helping to haul the victims to the spot while they were massacred.

They were all found guilty Sunday morning, December 19th, and in the afternoon they were all hanged in a public square in Kharkov in the presence of forty thousand people.

The trial brought out the testimony that the children pleaded with their executioners to please not kill them as they wanted to live, but they were gruffly told that they were inferior beings who must die to make room for the superior Germans.

At the trial, also, it was admitted by the accused that they were guilty but they tried to divert blame from themselves with the explanation that Hitler had ordered it. Evidently this plea did not help them.

We want to congratulate the Russians on starting now to punish at least a few of these atrocious war criminals, also for showing no leniency to their own Quislings. They all richly deserved the punishment meted out to them.

There has been considerable talk in the United States and Great Britain about punishing the war criminals, but it remained for the Russians to really blaze the trail for the actual doing of this unpleasant duty. All our talk has a hollow ring to it, till it culminates in some such actual performance as took place in Kharkov.

THOSE POOR NON-UNION MEN

Of all things, imagine the smearers of labor weeping because non-union working people are feeling the full force of higher prices without getting the higher rate of wages paid union people. This well known and undeniable fact is presented by the smearers as an argument to prove that union wages should be reduced to non-union levels and that until union wages are so reduced that members of organized labor cannot possibly be justified in striking to enforce new demands.

Again it is the non-union people the smearers pretend to be worried about. In other words the people in the lowest wage brackets are held up to the public as glaring examples of those who are suffering most from failure to enforce price ceilings.

This is absolutely correct. It is also true that these same low wage people have been patted on the back again and again by these same smearers for having the courage to refuse to join those awful labor unions, whose representatives were claimed to live lavishly on the dues of union members. They have been assured they were real, independent Americans, when they scabbed on striking workers.

What all this adds up to is this: There are literally millions of lame brains in this country who all their lives have been paying regularly from \$50.00 to \$150.00 a month, in reduced wages, to humor their foolish notion that they are saving themselves the expense of a couple dollars a month, or thereabouts, in union dues. By so doing they have cut themselves off from the benefits that flow to all members of organized labor. This is a staggering price for the unorganized to pay every month they work for the privilege of remaining unorganized.

All union people were first non-union people. They joined the union when they got their eyes open, as all non-union people do when they get to see the light. For once the smearers have done our unions a good turn. Many thanks.

PEARL HARBOR OVER AGAIN

Evidently those in charge of our military forces, over in Italy, have not yet learned the lesson of Pearl Harbor, which should have taught those in charge to be on guard against sneak and surprise attacks.

Reports are to the effect that many ships, loaded with supplies and ammunition, were allowed to remain unprotected from air attack in the harbor at Bari, Italy, with the result that a German formation of forty planes moved in unexpectedly and seventeen of our United Nations ships were sunk with supplies, ammunition and all.

Why did we and our allies not have an umbrella of fighter planes protecting these ships, some of which doubtless had been safely convoyed across the Atlantic, where the U boat menace was successfully evaded? Not to have such protecting planes on the job to meet any challenge that might develop seems inexcusable. One thousand lives were lost because no protecting planes were on the job.

Perhaps this incident will bring home to those in charge of our military movements the lesson of remaining on guard at all times. This is no time to be trusting to luck instead of attending to the grim business of winning this war with the least loss possible.

Farm Bureau's Confab Adopts 'Grab' Policy

By HARVEY O'CONNOR

Chicago, Illinois

Grab while the grabbing's good! Yielding to this advice by their officers, delegates of the American Farm Bureau Federation tied themselves to an anti-labor and anti-New Deal program as they ended a three-day convention in Chicago.

Although warned by many invited speakers that a high price policy means inflation now and ruin for farmers after the war, the federation, speaking for 600,000 members, demanded an end to all subsidy curbs on prices.

HITS LABOR UNIONS

Pres. Edward A. O'Neal urged the farm bureau to ally itself with the program of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and recouped proudly his 100 per cent record of support for anti-labor legislation. He accused workers of profiteering in wages.

O'Neal made no reference to the cause or purpose of the war, but delegates left no doubt as to their patriotic devotion to victory through their own hard work, purchase of war bonds, and amazing response to China Relief and Seeds for Britain and Russia campaigns. Speakers and delegates turned their back on isolationism and urged international cooperation for lasting peace.

The convention approved the calling of an international farmers' conference to deal with post-war problems. It would be sponsored by the farm bureau, the National Grange, the U. S. Farmers Union and the Farmers Union of England, and invitations would be issued to farm organizations in all the United Nations.

"GRAB ALL WE CAN"

Hanging over the convention as a dark cloud was the farmers' fear of post-war deflation. Smarting under low farm prices from 1921 to 1940, delegates eagerly snatched at their leadership's counsel to get all the traffic will bear now.

"We've taken it on the chin for the last 20 years," a Wisconsin dairy farmer cried, "and we'll be going through the wringer again after this war is over—for God's sake why don't we get all we can now."

LITTLE LUTHER

"At last things are beginning to move," said Mr. Dilworth smugly, looking up from The Evening Intolerant-Standard. "They will come out all right toward the end."

"Right toward whose end?" asked Luther.

"Watch your language, young man! I meant that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon are taking the Republican party back into their own private hands."

"The hands that rocked the boat in 1932 and '36, eh, Pop?"

"It wasn't their fault they lost those elections, Luther. It was just that the people got . . . got . . ."

"Got wise for once."

"No. They got taken in by the New Deal and all this red nonsense."

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SMASHING DOWN OF COLOR BARRIER NEED TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY, SAYS ROBESON

By ROBERT L. CRUDEN

New York City
The best guarantee for a better America is an all-out alliance between labor and the Negro people to break down the barriers of discrimination and segregation which are holding both of them back.

And the No. 1 job for both Negroes and labor at the moment is the destruction of Hitlerism and Japanese imperialism, whose racial superiority theories provide a backlog for reaction in this country.

That is the message I carried away from a long interview with Paul Robeson, internationally famous Negro leader now starring in the Theater Guild's production of *Othello* here.

FASCISM ALTERNATIVE

"If no attempt is made to solve the racial problem now, the way is left open for American fascism in the post-war world," he declared. "Fascism makes no distinction between the races it would enslave. American fascists would use racial discrimination and prejudice to divide the people and impose their rule upon us all. And all of us would suffer, just as all the peoples of Europe and Asia have suffered from the fascists."

The future of the Negro lies with labor, Robeson emphasized, pointing out that 98 per cent of Negro families are families of workers either in shops and factories or on the land.

CALLED COMMON PROBLEM

The fight against discrimination and segregation is not only a Negro problem, Robeson declared.

Festung Europa? 'Phooey,' Comment Of Soviet Armies

The contempt which the Russians hold for Goebbel's publicized "Festung Europa" is made clear in a report on their Dnieper success in demolishing the best which German defensive experts erected.

"The fortifications of the Eastern Wall," an official Russian information release says, "were well conceived, evidently with a view to lengthy defense. Trenches, dugouts, and blockhouses were constructed on surrounding heights and in populated localities with pillboxes and gun emplacements, which enabled the defenders to maneuver with the forces at their disposal." Nevertheless, the 25 Kilometer "defense in depth" was broken through in but two days' fighting. Once in the clear, the Russians, through their use of mobile tank units and motorized infantry, overrun a wide expanse of the Ukraine.

The "Eastern Wall" and the "West Wall," as the late lamented Maginot Line was named, are, or were, only so many man-made obstacles. Man-made offensive power will reduce them to rubble, the Nazi propagandists notwithstanding.

VERMIN PRESS PUBLISHED BY SEDITIONISTS STILL GOING

New York City
Publications of the "vermin press," edited by some of the 33 seditionists now awaiting trial on charges of obstructing the war, are still in business, George Seldes charges in his weekly newsletter, *In Fact*.

"They publish two kinds of items," *In Fact* declared. "Fifty per cent is devoted to addresses by Senators Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.) and Gerald P. Nye (R., N.D.) and Representatives Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.), John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) and Hamilton Fish R., N.Y.). The other 50 per cent is devoted to anti-Jewish lies, slanders and libels."

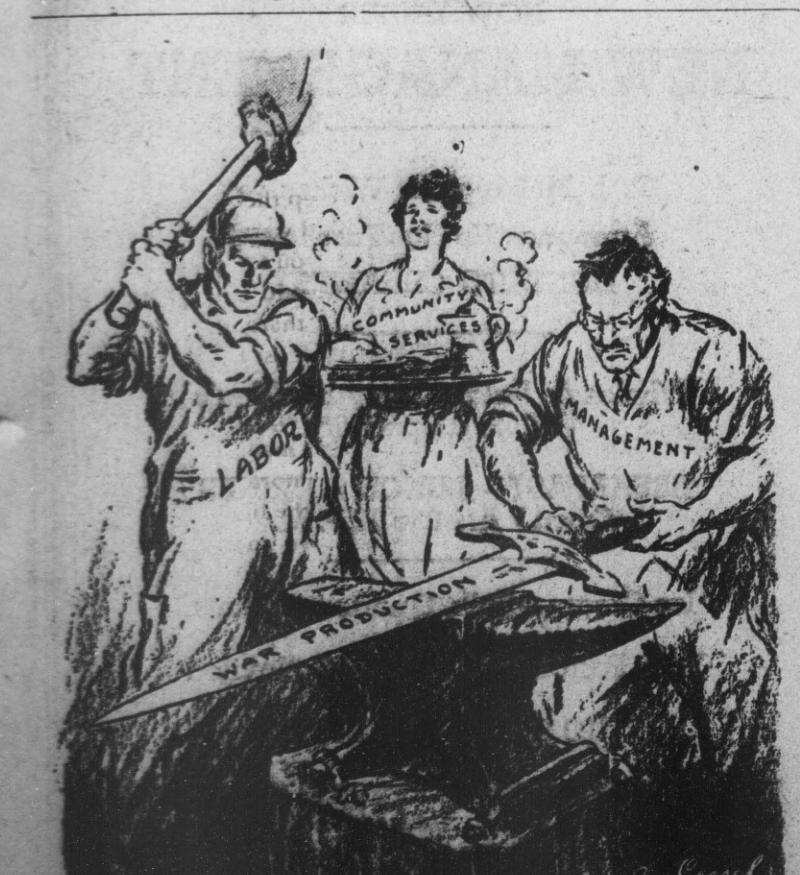
Readers Digest, Seldes pointed out, has distributed copies of an attack on *In Fact*, first published by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, one of the 33 now under indictment. Rest of the vermin press then picked it up, he declared.

Radio commentator Johannes Steel, in his regular broadcast December 7, charged Readers Digest with planting anti-labor, defeatist articles in other magazines before reprinting them—often paying the cost of the original printing.

Wall Street Journal Cries 'Egalitarianism'

New York City
The Wall Street Journal, authoritative spokesman for the most reactionary wing of American big business, gnashes its teeth editorially because labor is supporting the Treasury Department's tax program for boosting levies on high incomes.

Boldly, the Journal says such a program can't work because it is "egalitarianism," which seems to mean taxing those who can afford to pay, and adds: "Our faith is in equality of opportunity precisely because of the prospect it holds of inequality in results."



ALL ON THE JOB TOGETHER

Soldiers Vote Defeat Called Election 'Rig'

Washington, D. C.
Defeat of the Green-Lucas soldiers' vote bill was described as "a product of a conspiracy to rig the elections of 1944 against the best interests of the win-the-war forces in America" by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N.Y.).

Marcantonio, author of HR 7, the anti-poll tax bill, addressed 150 delegates to a meeting of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, who represented 6,000,000 AFL members; 5,000,000 CIO members; 4,000,000 organized Negro groups; 350,000 railroad brotherhood members and 1,000,000 persons in churches, fraternal organizations and other groups.

Delegates heard Executive Vice Chairman Virginia Durr say that the poll tax formerly was thought of as a southern issue, like pellagra, but became recognized as the national symbol of anti-labor, anti-democratic and anti-Negro forces.

NOW WORLD ISSUE

Now, she said, with the "very hard and tough combination" developed in the soldiers' vote fight, between Joe Pew, reactionary Republicans and poll-taxers, "it is no longer a national issue but a world issue."

Both Sen. James Mead (D., N.Y.) and Rep. George Bender (R., O.), who was active in behalf of HR 7 in the House stressed their interest in HR 7, but Mead said it was not the right time to bring the bill before the Senate, and Bender urged the delegates to "turn off the heat."

TURN ON THE HEAT!

Marcantonio, on the other hand, after one delegate in a question period demanded to know whether "we're to turn off the heat or keep it on," said, "The time's ripe for heat. Turn it on." And the chairman, Rev. Richard Murford of New York, promised the heat would remain on.

In answer to another question, Marcantonio said heatedly: "They have a gentlemen's agreement to force a vote on cloture right away, and then, if it fails, to drop the bill. We say, Oh, no, no, you don't, you don't drop the bill, we'll keep it on the floor once it's there," he said.

"The assumption that if cloture fails we must begin all over again in 1945 on HR 7, has become," said Marcantonio, "a fatalistic obsession among some real friends of the bill." It is, he said, "a device of pseudo friends of the bill to escape a real fight and a trap of the poll taxers to defeat the legislation."

Ohio's Accident Record

Upon analyzing the 318,145 industrial injury and occupational disease claims filed for the year 1942, Ohio's Industrial Commission arrived at the following:

OHIO WORKERS LOST

1,044 lives
215 eyes
35 arms
24 hands
16 legs
8 feet
1,538 whole fingers
1,403 parts of fingers
172 toes

Why do so many people object to "losing face?" Most of us should be glad to get a new one.

A Housewife Speaks Up On Subsidies

Washington, D. C.
Some of the clearest words yet spoken on the battle currently raging around farm bloc attempts to kill the subsidy program came in a letter from a housewife to Rep. Mary Norton (D., N.J.).

"I am a mother," she wrote. "I prepare my family's meals as do most American mothers and I am concerned about the cost of food. The congressional opponents of food subsidies may have sound reasons to support their opposition, but those they have advanced just don't make sense to an untutored feminine mind."

"Consider this doubletalk. A subsidy on oranges, a food which prevents scurvy, would constitute a raid on the Treasury, yet a subsidy on cotton seed or on peanuts does not. It is 'immoral' to subsidize milk, the prime necessity of children, but has been sound moral practice to subsidize cotton to the tune of a billion and quarter dollars. Subsidies to control the price of meat would undermine the flower of American womanhood," Rep. Kleberg says. Perhaps those flowers only bloom in large cattle ranches such as he owns, but I wonder if he has thought what anxiety over an undernourished child can do to a woman."



Pacific Coast 'Co-ops' Make Rapid Headway

Los Angeles, Calif.

"Consumer co-operatives are gradually closing in on the great open spaces of the far west. There is scarcely a village or town on the main route of Idaho, Oregon and Washington that does not have its co-ops," C. J. McLaughlin, educational secretary of The Cooperative League of the USA, reported at the close of a four week-tour of Pacific Coast states. "Pacific Supply Cooperative, regional wholesale for co-ops in the Northwest, will be in its 10th year of successful growth in 1944. Net worth from a few hundred dollars in 1934 to more than a million and a quarter in 1943."

START EDUCATION

"Rapidly hitting full stride, Pacific set up an educational department early this year. Unit members are now working with R. M. Mitchell, educational director, in considering organization of educational committees to carry on active promotional and publicity programs.

"City co-ops in the Northwest are also on the move. There is a small but well established grocery unit in Walla Walla. Portland people are weighing action. In Seattle a two-year institute was held, with 12 consumer co-ops in the Puget Sound area taking part."

BAY AREA MOVING

"In California the presently organized crop of co-ops is rather young, few being more than four to five years old. Advance is being made on a sound footing both in San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, with about 35 groups in action."

"At present the only regional organization is the Associated Co-operators of Northern California at Oakland."

Men who rise to the occasion are those who take occasion to rise early.

METROPOLITAN LIFE GOUGING ITS TENANTS

Los Angeles, California

Having gotten precious WPB priorities to build a 1310-unit housing development for aircraft workers in Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is now thumbing its nose at the National Housing Agency and saying it will raise its original rent reaches by almost 50 per cent.

NHA instead of telling the landlord-life insurance giant where to go, is figuratively ringing its hands and, in the words of a NHA spokesman, "negotiating" with the company. NHA justifies its own squeamishness in dealing with the corporation by saying the application form which Metropolitan signed in September, 1941, was so loosely worded that it may not be legally valid.

In this form Metropolitan stated it would charge rents suitable for airplane workers, namely, \$42 for a 3 1/2 room apartment; \$54, 4 1/2 rooms; \$60, 5 rooms, and \$68 for 6 rooms. Now the company and the contractor, Starrett Bros. and Eken Company, 63 Wall Street, New York, announce they are going to charge \$61.27 for 3 1/2 rooms, \$78.29 for 4 1/2 and 5 rooms, and \$90 for 6 rooms.

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If on the basis of increased costs NHA allows the increases, every private builder of housing developments will be trotting in with such demands, labor groups fear.

RETOOL FOR AUTOS

Detroit, Michigan
Retooling for auto production has quietly begun at the Packard Motor Car Company, employees report.



Fish Valuable Mineral Food

Nutritionists tell us fish should be included in a balanced diet.

Salt water fish, sea foods we call them, are rich in iodine. A certain amount of iodine is needed by the body to prevent goiter, an enlargement of the thyroid gland. This gland regulates the rate of burning of fuel to run the human body, besides being directly connected with growth. For this reason it is especially important to see that growing children have the necessary foods that will supply them with their quota of iodine.

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Salt we use at home is another inexpensive source of iodine. Use "iodized" salt for the table and in cooking. Be sure the package of salt carries the word "iodized." In refining the salt for home use, much of its natural qualities are lost. Iodized salt is specially treated to restore the salt to its natural state.

Milk and green vegetables shipped in from non-goiterous regions should be used whenever possible.

A good sea food that is popular with most of us is salmon. Fresh salmon is fine if the price isn't too high and if you can get it. But canned salmon is just as good. And many housewives prefer to use it because it can be fixed in different ways.

MAKING TRACTORS

Dearborn, Michigan

The Ford Motor Company's Harry Ferguson Inc. farm tractor plant, shut down after Pearl Harbor by priority obstacles, is now turning out 150 tractors a day and will expand as fast as lifting of government restrictions permits.

Anything Can Happen!

New York City

President Tom Girdler of Republic Steel Corp., instigator of the bloody Little Steel strike in 1937, came out December 8 for "industrial peace and co-operation between industry and labor" in the post-war period. He spoke at the opening session of the National Association of Manufacturers convention here.

All-Out Production Of Steel Asked for Offensive In Europe

Washington, D. C.
Following closely the Allied decision at Teheran to crush Germany and Japan areas, the WPB said stepped-up attacks would require larger quantities of these products.

In telegrams sent to principal steel producers and CIO President Philip Murray, J. T. Whiting, director of WPB's Steel Division said:

"Increased output of plates and sheets is essential to meet the demands of the war program. We are expecting a new record of plate shipments from your company and the entire industry in December and again in January. Please notify your organization accordingly."

BIGGEST UNION

Detroit, Michigan

The United Auto Workers had 1,222,566 paidup members for November. International Secretary-treasurer George F. Addes announces, an increase of better than 50,000 over the highest previous month. The gain of half a million members since a year ago is well distributed over all of the UAM's nine regions in the U. S. and Canada.

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Friday in each Month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Business Manager, Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. W. Billo Pres.

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POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towt St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, P. E. Salinas.

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INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

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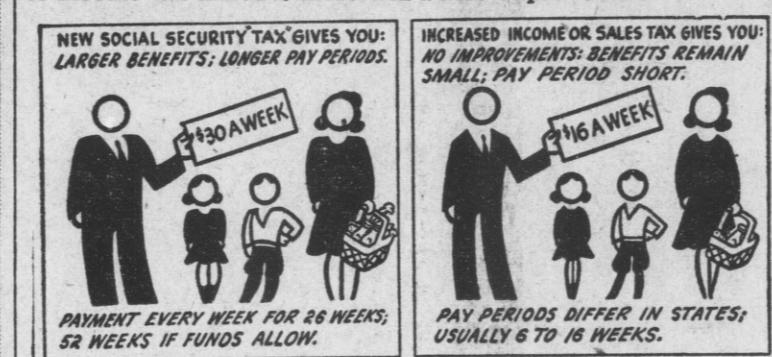
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Four short lessons in social security



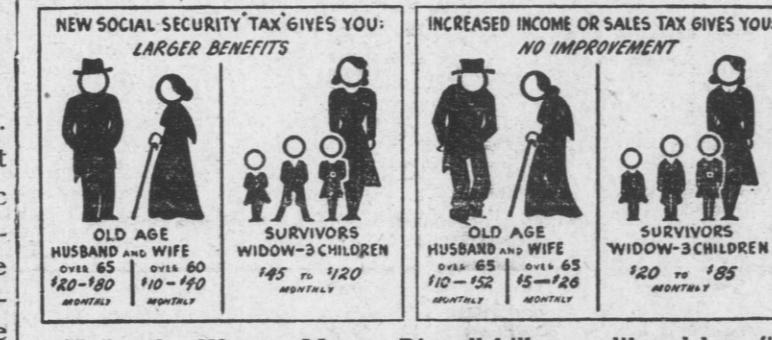
Under present social security law, farm workers, domestic workers and several other groups are not covered for unemployment and receive no unemployment benefits. About half of those in military service were not working in covered employment before induction and will receive no benefits. The Wagner-Dingell bill corrects this. But if Congress enacts a sales tax or income tax instead, there will be no improvement.



This chart shows unemployment benefits for a married man who earns \$40 a week in a factory and supports a family of four. Left: Benefits under Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. Right: If sales or income tax is imposed instead, the worker will receive only those benefits now in effect under state laws.



Worry prevents proper rest and delays recovery from sickness. This chart shows how a worker will be protected in illness under the proposed Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill as contrasted with his position if Congress imposes a sales or a higher income tax instead.



Under the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill more liberal benefits would be provided for widows and children and old age. If a sales tax or a high income tax is enacted instead, there will be no increase in benefits under present social security laws. (Amount of benefit differs according to number of dependents and wages received by workers.)

(Charts are from AFL Labor's Monthly Survey via Federated Pictures.)

Electricians, Bosses Agree On Post-War Conversions

Washington, D. C.

Labor and management have agreed on a specific post-war program for expanded employment in the electrical construction industry, it was revealed on the AFL's Labor for Victory program over NBC recently.

The four-point program, outlined by President E. J. Brown of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) and President Robert W. McChesney of the National Electrical Contractors Association, follows:

1. Immediate assignment of electrical contractors and their skilled working staffs to do repair, installation and maintenance work in shipyards and war plants.

2. A survey of the possibilities of future expansion of the industry, which has already shown that "the first announcement of peace can be the signal for the greatest construction program America has ever seen."

3. Application of many new discoveries of increasing efficiency of operations, which will lower costs to the public and result in wider utilization and enjoyment of electrical installations.

4. Trial of a "revolutionary experiment" involving the stabilization of wages and employment on an annual basis, as a supplement to the present hourly basis of pay.

McChesney said the electrical contracting industry is far ahead of other industries in post-war planning partly because it already faces post-war conditions. Cutbacks in war construction have reduced building activity to the rate of 2 billion dollars a year, as compared with 13½ billions last year and 3½ billions at the low point of the depression.

FAVOR STABILIZATION

The IBEW is willing to try the experiment of stabilizing employment and wages on an annual basis "to see if it is sound," Brown said, adding that the objective "is to guarantee a higher annual income to the workers even though their present hourly rate may be lowered." Adoption of the program was made possible, McChesney said, by the high degree of labor-management cooperation in the industry. "We have not had a single strike in our industry on questions involving wages or working conditions since 1920," he said.

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Mother of Eight Works In An Aircraft Plant

Here is a mother of eight children who works in an aircraft plant and is a union member. She is Mrs. Louise Bowie, 32, employed at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore, Md., as a drill press operator. She is a member of Local 738, United Auto Workers (CIO). She lives at Saverna Park, Md., and drives 80 miles to and from work each day with her husband, who is employed at another aircraft plant.

Detroit Unions Outdo Selves for War Chest

Detroit, Michigan

Contributions by Detroit AFL unions to the war chest are running three to four times ahead of last year, a tabulation of current returns indicates. Plumbers were in the lead.

Astigmatism

Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the isolationist Chicago Tribune, sees a growing "draft McCormick for President" movement in Illinois.

Anybody with eyes like that could probably go into a cellar at midnight and find a black cat that wasn't there.

Old Jalopy Is Getting On in Years, Revealed

Plymouth, Michigan

Auto workers at the Kelsey-Hayes machine plant in Plymouth are using cars in many instances 12 to 15 years old and with mileage up to 100,000 miles, a transportation survey reveals.

Peace Rumors Launched To Slow Up Our Effort

Washington, D. C.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull said the current output of peace rumors apparently are designed "to create overconfidence on the part of the Allies and impair the whole vigor of the war situation on the Allied side."

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HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

Explaining that the war emergency is over on the Pacific Coast, the big Fox West Coast chain of theaters has withdrawn from the Theater Defense Bureau. The FWC men know the emergency is over because the lights are on again up and down the coast.

Other Los Angeles theater men do not agree with them and will carry on with the training of theater personnel in first aid, fire fighting, panic prevention, with regular safety inspections of theaters and the showing of government war films.

Decision of Charles B. Skouras, FWC bigshot, that the Theater Defense Bureau was of no further value to FWC theaters came out the day after the war activities committee of the Hays Office had called on theater men all over the country to note and pattern after the fine defense job in Los Angeles.

Civilian defense participation was a factor in winning theaters a semi-essential rating in the employment stabilization plan. Maybe semi isn't essential enough for Skouras.

Industrial Symphony

Labor Symphony. Sound track of a symphony of industrial noise recorded in Hibbing, Minn., Detroit and South Chicago is background "music" for America, the film King Vidor is making for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Army Negro Film. Civilian audiences may get chance to see the Signal Corps film, The Negro Soldier in World War II.

Trial by Wax. Darryl Zanuck had the script for his film about Woodrow Wilson completely recorded by a radio producer. Now Zanuck can play the disks over and listen to his script. Also he can start the editing without waiting for the film to be shot.

Free Sample. A smart agent went to the man recording the Wilson script and said: "I've got an actor who's thinking of playing Wilson on the stage. He'll read the part free for you." Now Zanuck had been thinking of Alfred Lunt to play Wilson but when he listened to his script he heard Alexander Knox, P. S.—Knox got the part.

The Fan's Doolittle. Lieut. Gen. James Doolittle will be presented on the screen by Spencer Tracy in MGM's 30 Seconds Over Tokyo.

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More Fire. It'll be interesting to see if 20th-Fox is as impervious to the political and church protests at the plans to film Willkie's One World as it is to labor's protests at the Rickenbacker thing.

Banker! Banker! New high for film rights to a play is the \$355,000 Mary Pickford planks down for Junior Miss. That's just the down payment. The play's author and producer will collect 35 per cent of the picture's profits in addition.

Divisionist. Destroyer (Columbia). Fine premise for a film—the shipbuilders did a lousy job. Everything goes wrong with the tub but the crew sticks by her and shoots down six Zeros and sinks a sub.

Those Yugoslavs in the Liberation Front, which I believe includes a majority of the population, know what they want and what they don't want—and their bloody faces are turned toward the future.

The Liberation Front does not include the Chetniks. They are, to my notion, the Badoglios of Yugoslavia.

Right now, from the Yugoslav angle, one of the most essential steps (for the Allies) is to recognize and deal with the Liberation Front.

"The Italian fascists completely destroyed 137 Slovenian villages. It is vital